A Roadmap to an Integrated Fisheries Information System

FIS Planning Group

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Background

- Genesis of Planning Team
- Why was Team formed
- Purpose of Team
- Membership:
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Opportunities for Improvement

- Steering Committee
- Governance of FIS
- Define what is needed in a “national” system
- Define what the partners need
- Establish a national and regional enterprise architecture

Questions

- What is FIS doing now?
- Where is FIS going?
- What is FIS anyway?
  - What are the FIS mandates – MSA
  - Other authorizing legislation (ESA, MMPA, …)
- What does FIS need to move beyond the status quo

Why a Roadmap?

- **There is a destination – we know where we're going**
- **Different routes for each region with common destination**
- **Identify common needs**
- **Identify differences**

What is FIS?

FIS ≠ IT

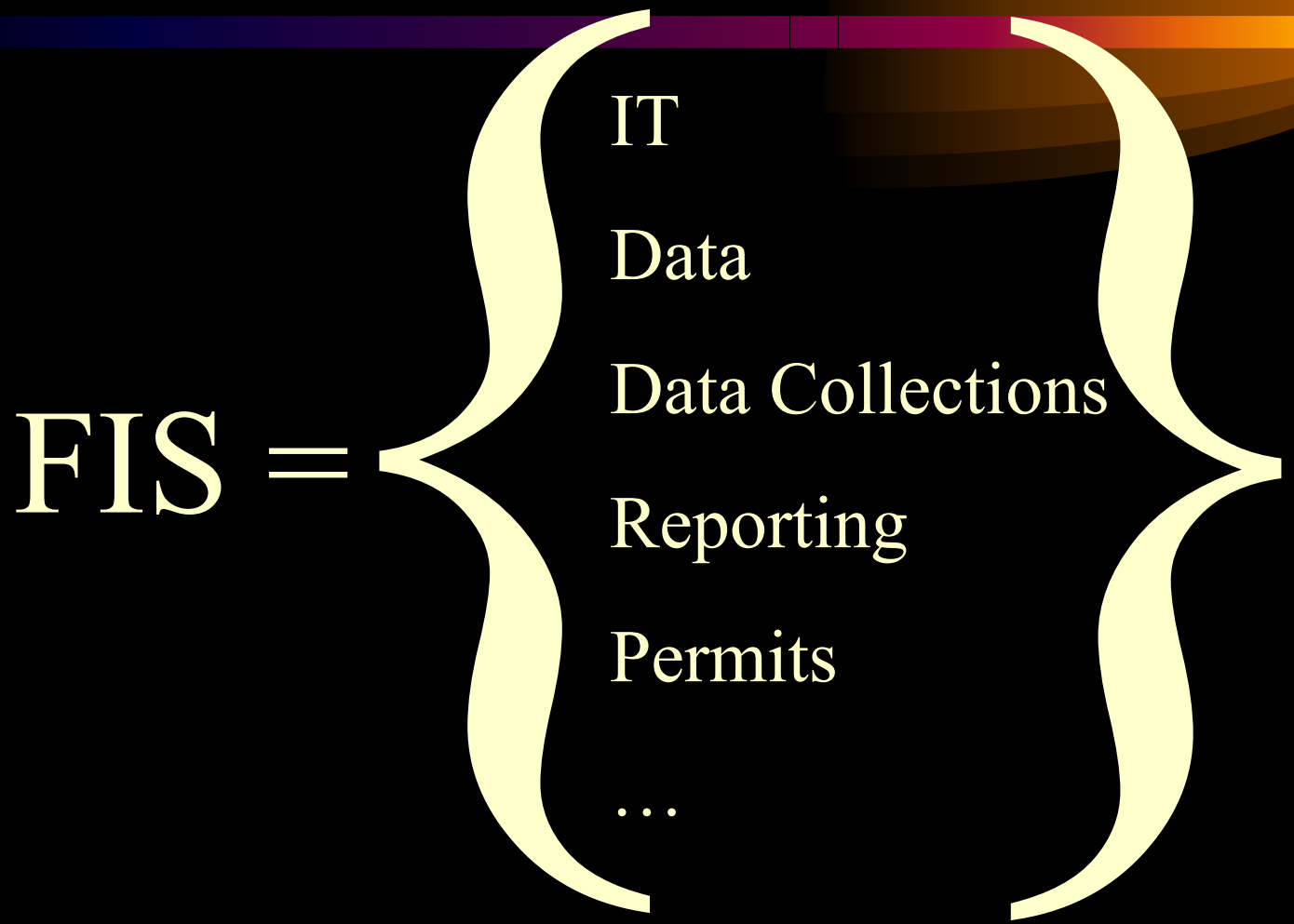
FIS ≠ Data

FIS ≠ Data Collections

FIS ≠ Reporting

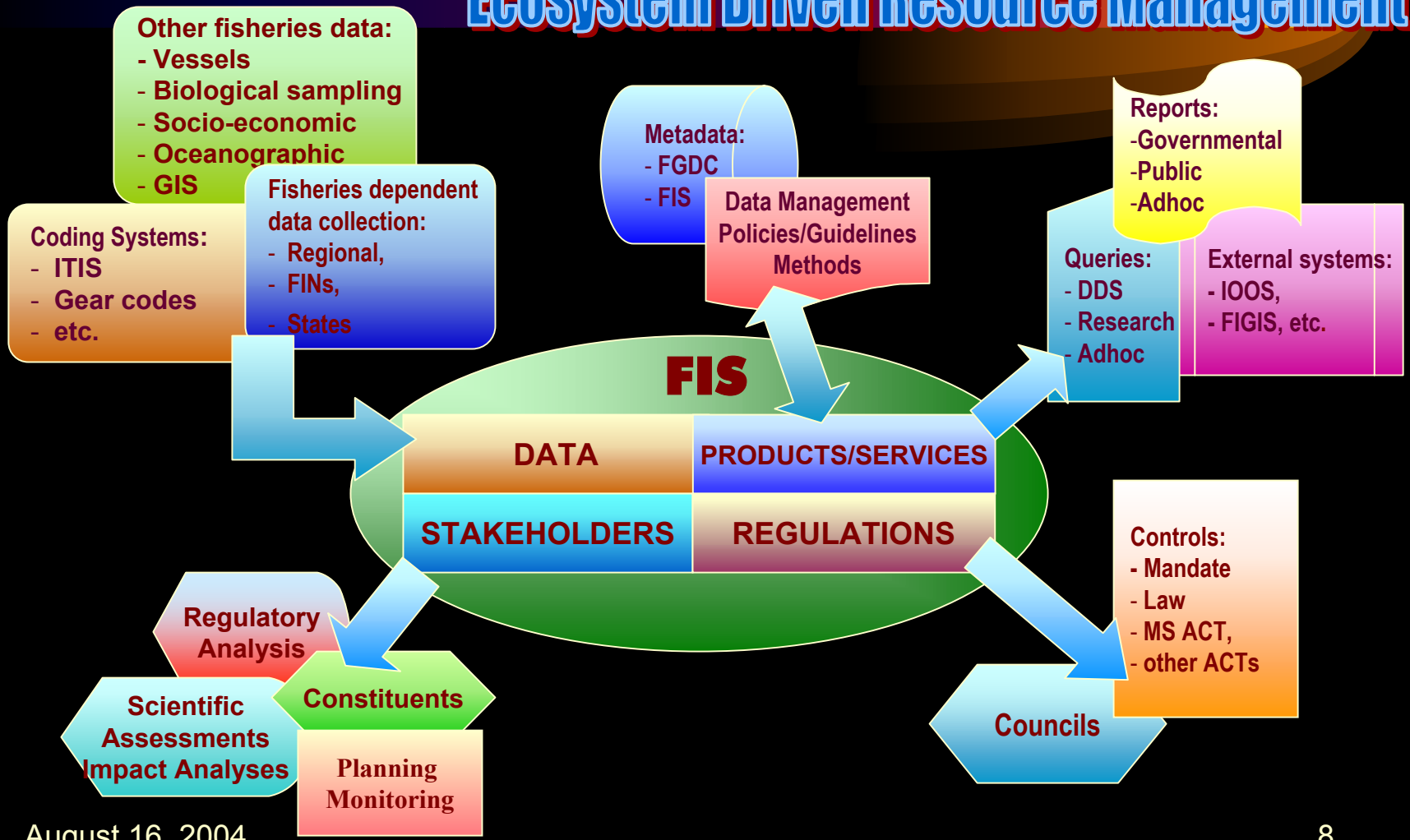
FIS ≠ Permitting

What is FIS?



Fisheries Information System Context

Ecosystem Driven Resource Management



FIS Projects

- **FY 2004 Projects**
  - **Where do they fit on the FIS map?**
  - **Are they "stovepipe" projects**
- **FY 2005 Priorities & beyond**
  - **Region / National**
  - **How do they fit together.**

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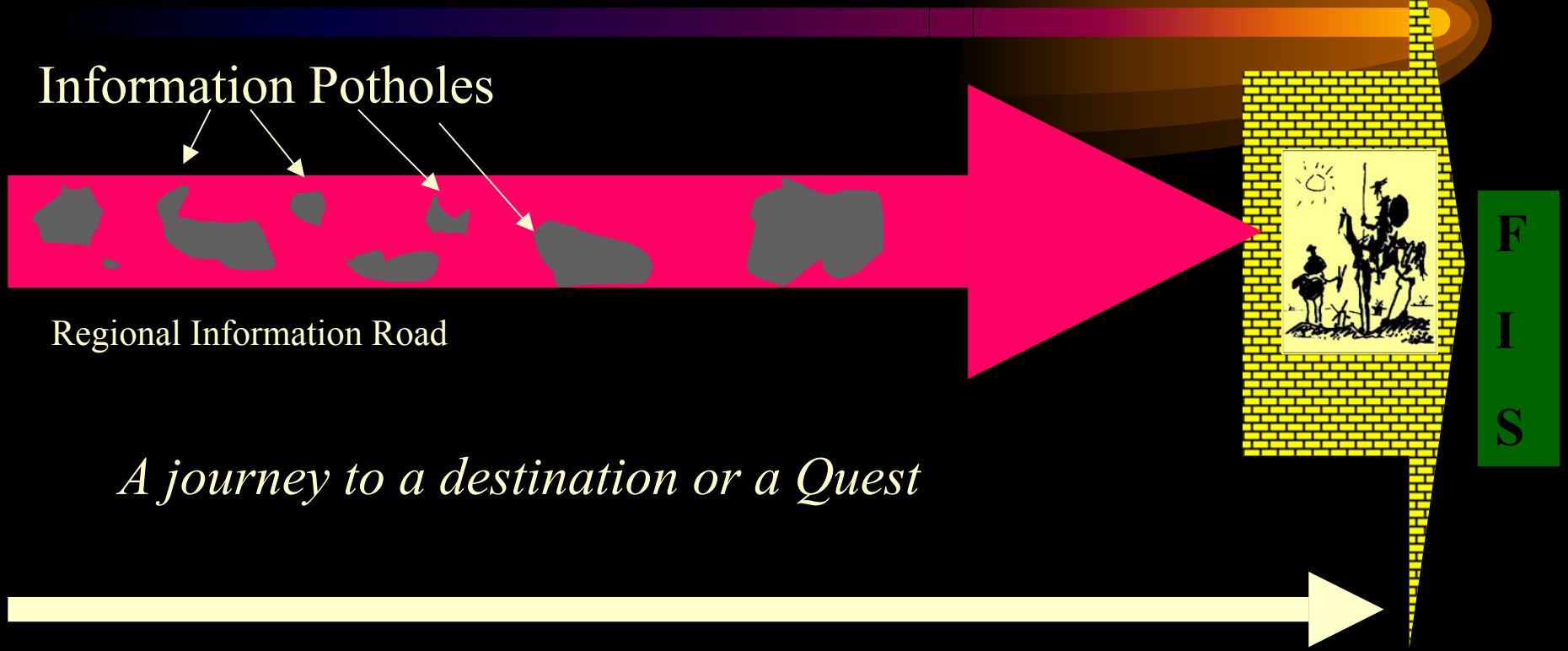
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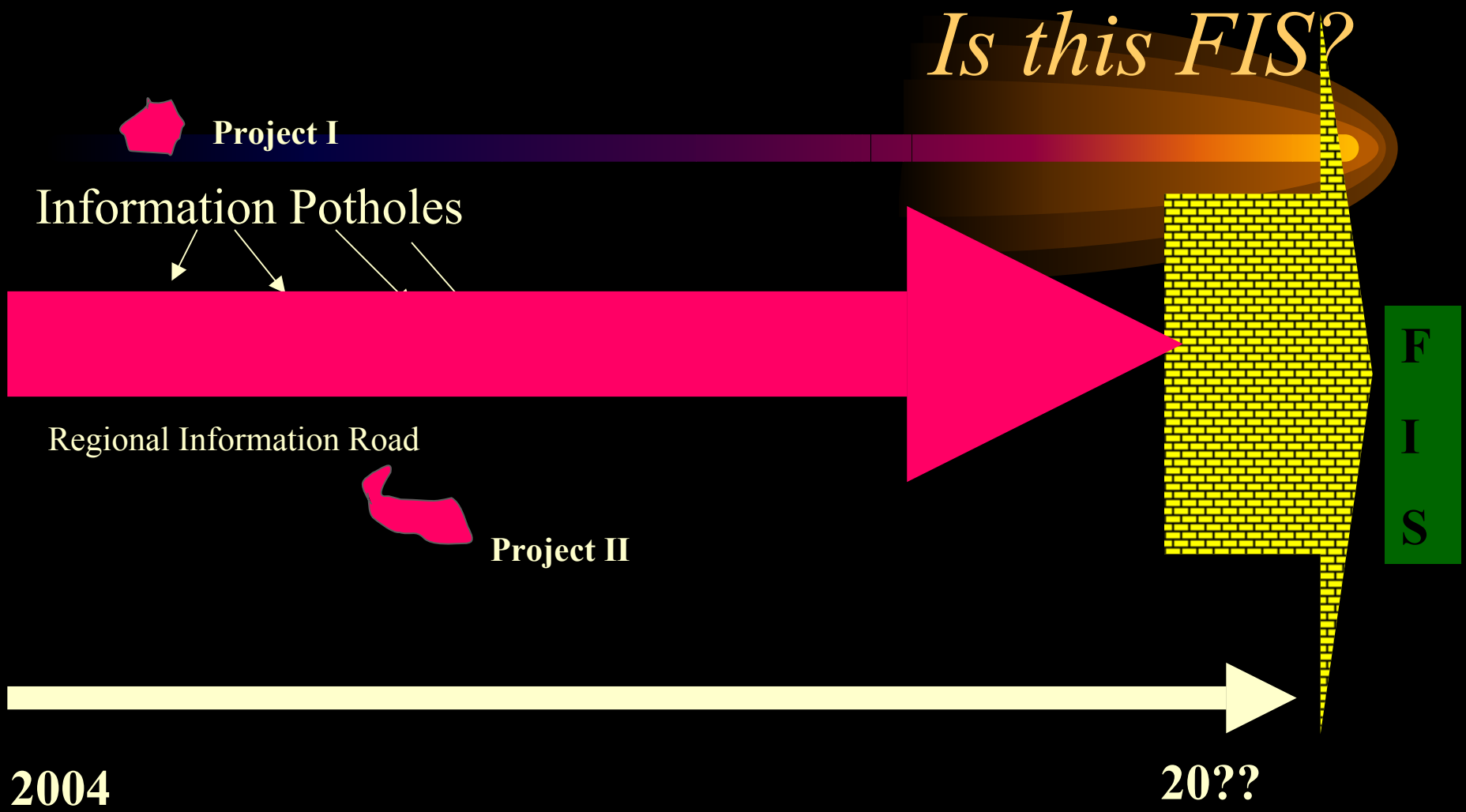
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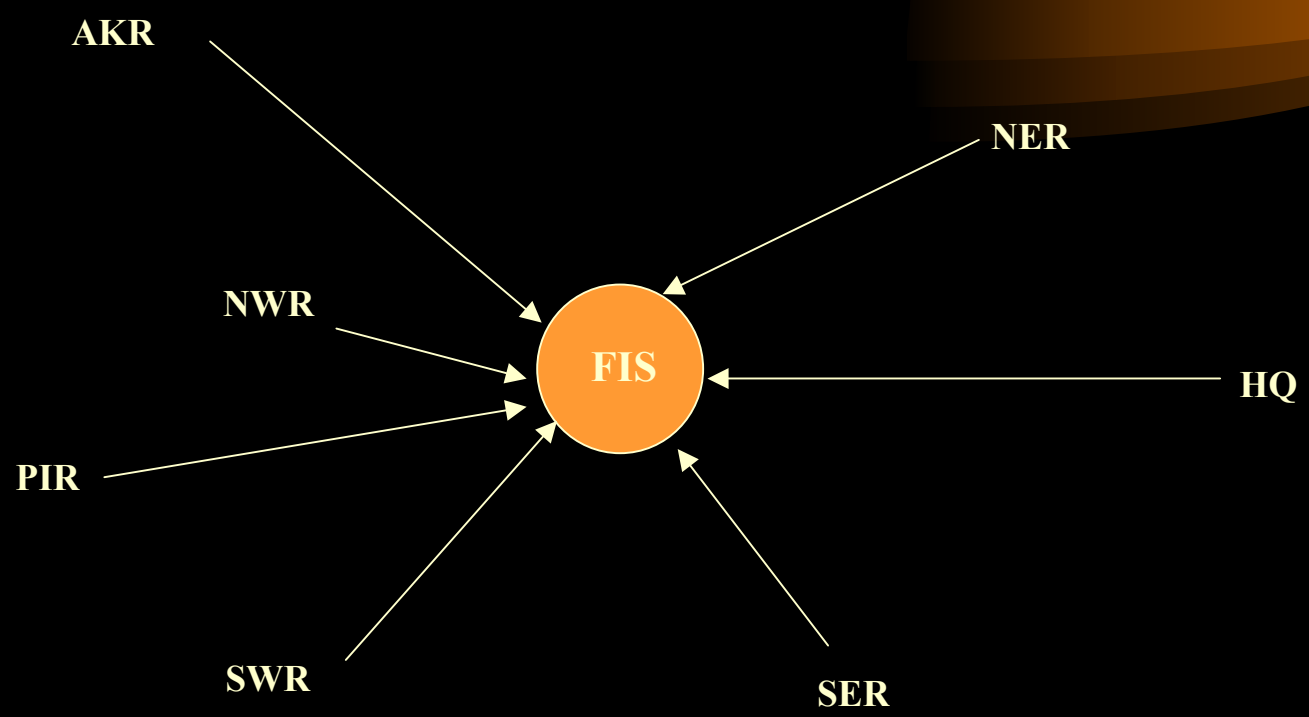

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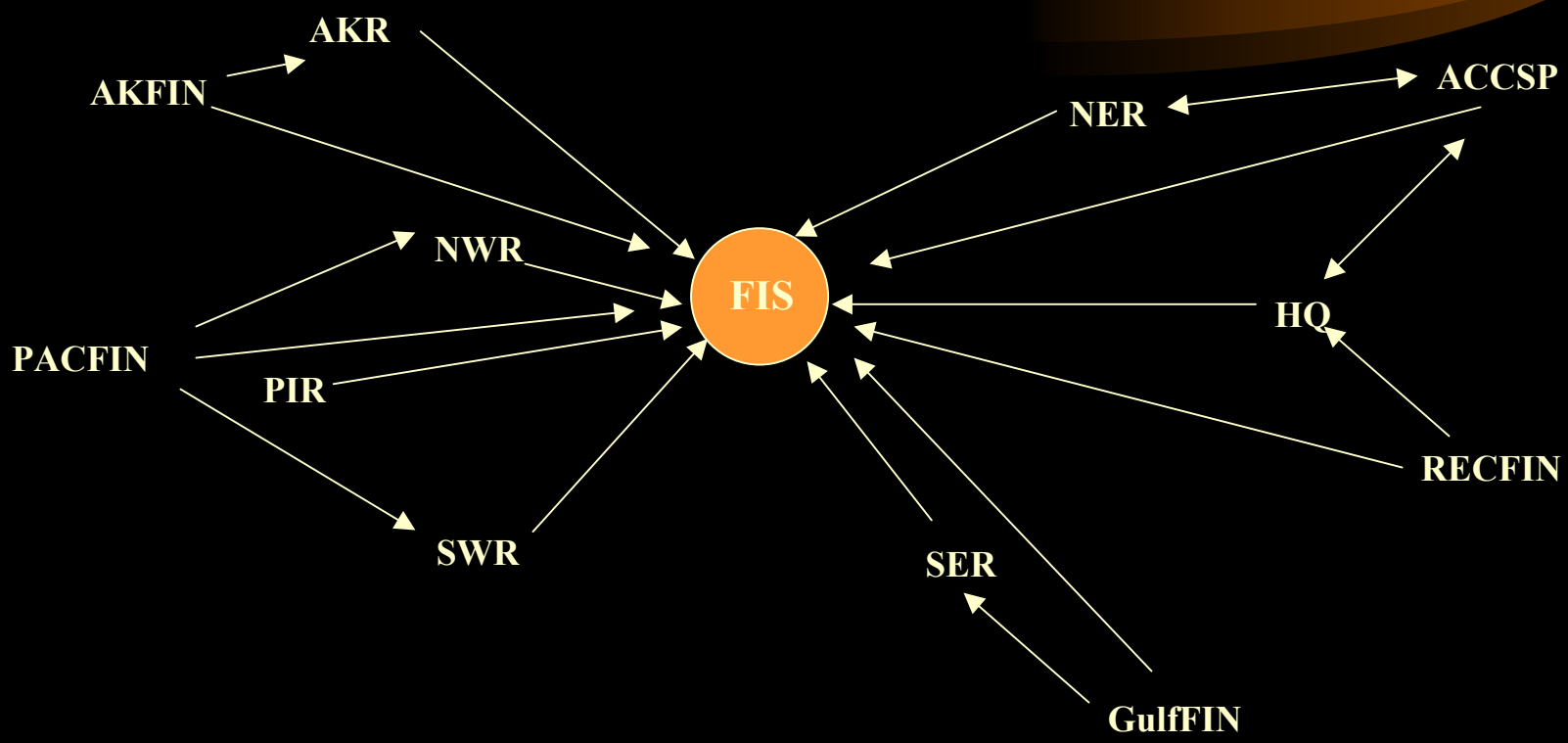
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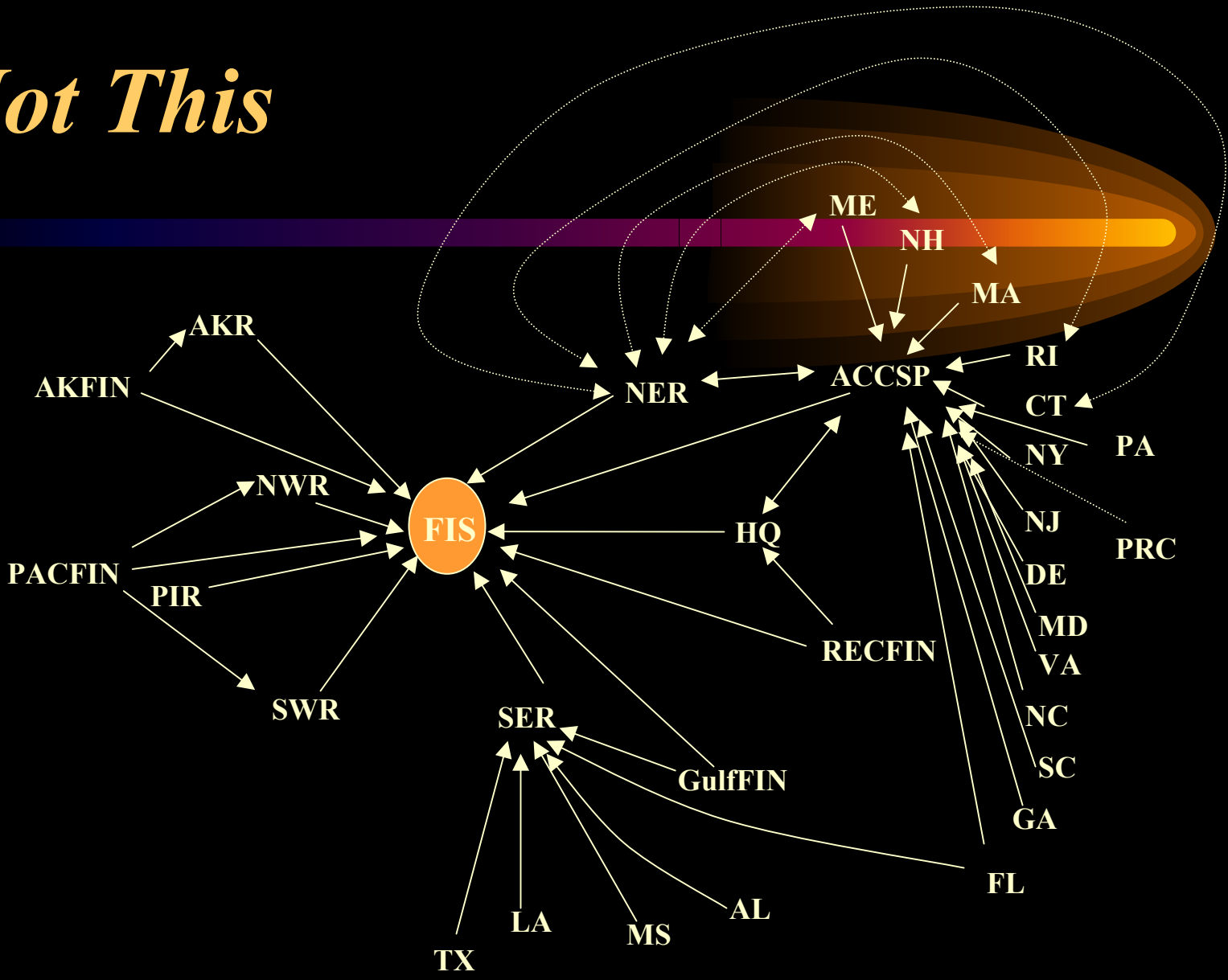
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Regional – narrow but with depth (detail); FIS – broad but shallow

Goals

- Facilitate coordination and communication in the design, collection, sharing and uses of data
- Integrate information collected by Feds & States
- Build cross-regional and national tools to support activities at the Regions and Centers
- Develop a unified data system that provides information data across U.S.
- Expand (Adapt?) data collections to meet future needs
- Improve data quality

Facilitate

- **Near Term (FY04 & FY05)**
  - description of data collection programs taking into account spatial and temporal concerns including:
    - Types of data collected and accessed.
    - Where the data are collected.
    - How collected, stored, accessed and utilized.
    - How processed
    - Current collection issues
    - Types of reports generated
  - Develop FY 07 budget initiative.
- **Intermediate Term (FY05 &FY06)**
  - Gap analysis
  - Document adjustments to data and use of proxy information
- **Long Term (FY07 & FY08)**
  - Develop long-term budget process.
  - Develop collection practice standardization.
  - Create a forum for expanding successful practices

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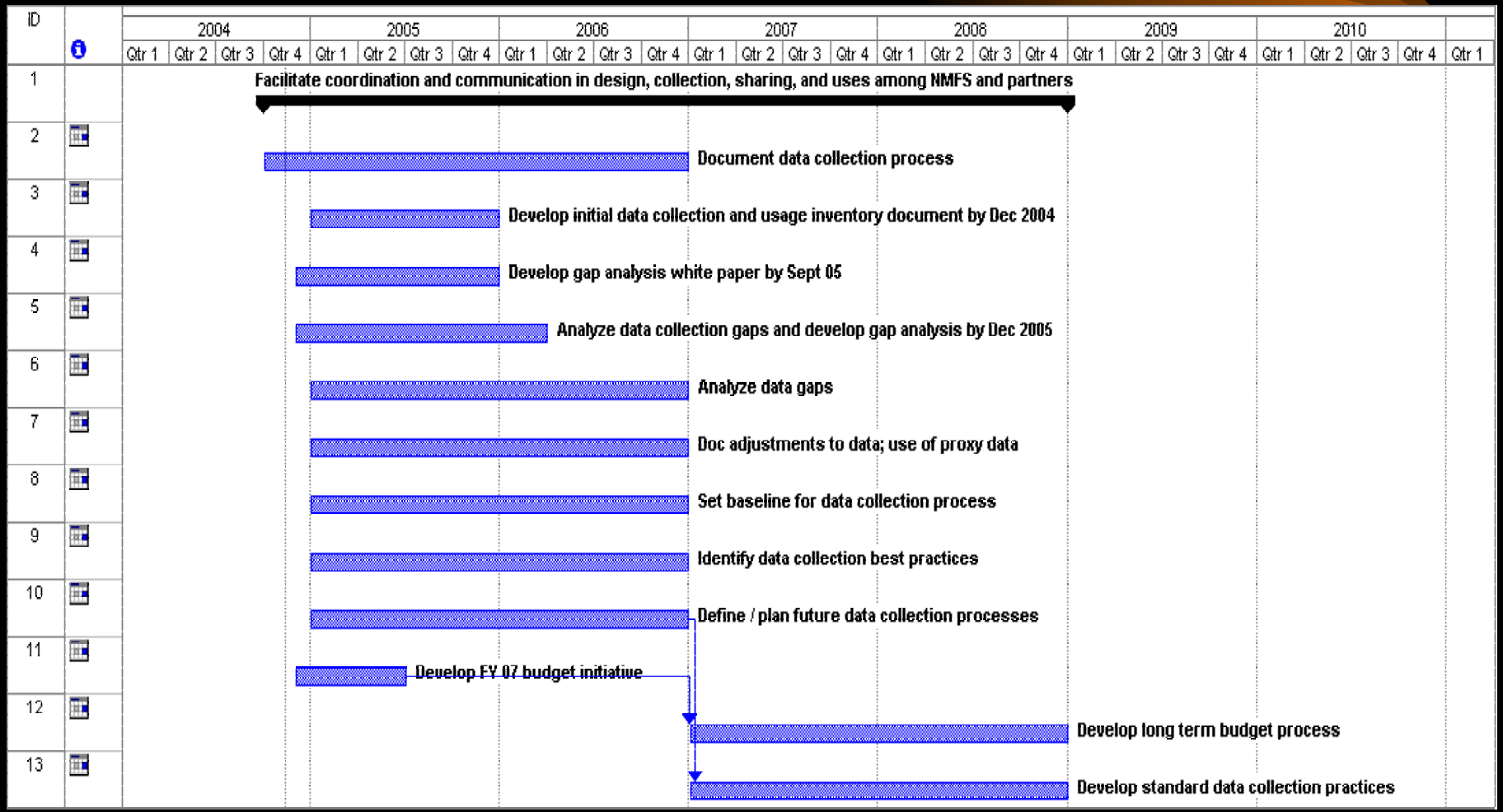
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1 Facilitate coordination and communication in design, collection, sharing, and uses among NMFS and partners
2 Document data collection process
3 Develop initial data collection and usage inventory document by Dec 2004
4 Develop gap analysis white paper by Sept 05
5 Analyze data collection gaps and develop gap analysis by Dec 2005
6 Analyze data gaps
7 Doc adjustments to data; use of proxy data
8 Set baseline for data collection process
9 Identify data collection best practices
10 Define / plan future data collection processes
11 Develop FY 07 budget initiative
12 Develop long term budget process
13 Develop standard data collection practices

Integrate

- **Near Term**
  - Gain a clear understanding of what information is collected.
- **Intermediate Term**
  - Mitigate situations for ad hoc data requests;
  - Incorporate a formal change control process
- **Long Term**
  - Linkage across all regions

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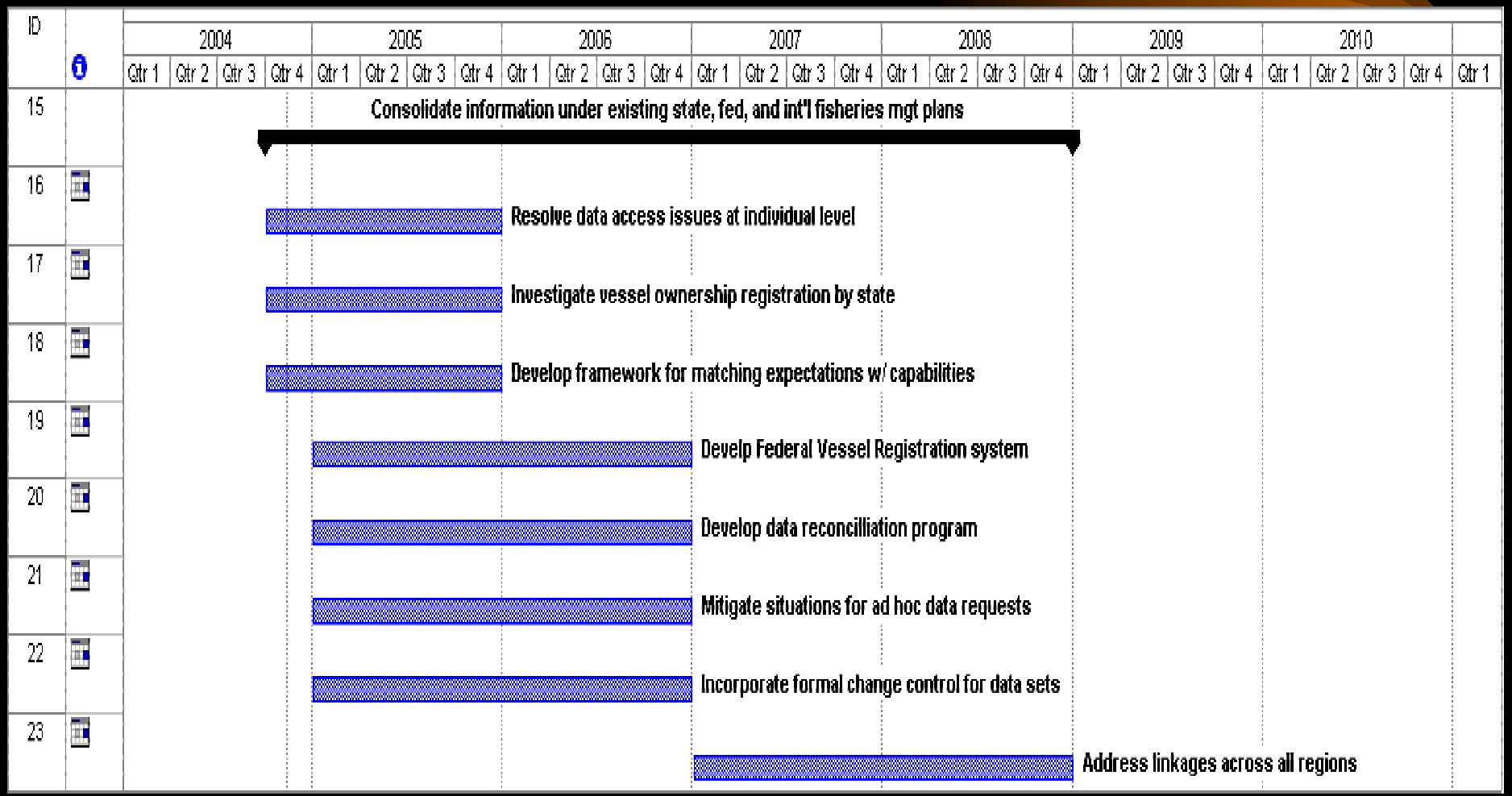
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15 Consolidate information under existing state, fed, and int'l fisheries mgt plans
16 Resolve data access issues at individual level
17 Investigate vessel ownership registration by state
18 Develop framework for matching expectations w/ capabilities
19 Develp Federal Vessel Registration system
20 Develop data reconcilliation program
21 Mitigate situations for ad hoc data requests
22 Incorporate formal change control for data sets
23 Address linkages across all regions

Build

- **Near Term**
  - Identify tools required. *[Inventory of data collection techniques need to be accomplished before identifying tools]*
- **Intermediate Term**
  - Identify critical paths
    - Cross linkages with state partner programs (includes FINs).
    - Management regulations associated with two categories of metadata; how data are structured, how data are interpreted.
- **Long Term**
  - Implement successful practices
  - Include anecdotal information (verifiable) that fishermen provide to the agency.

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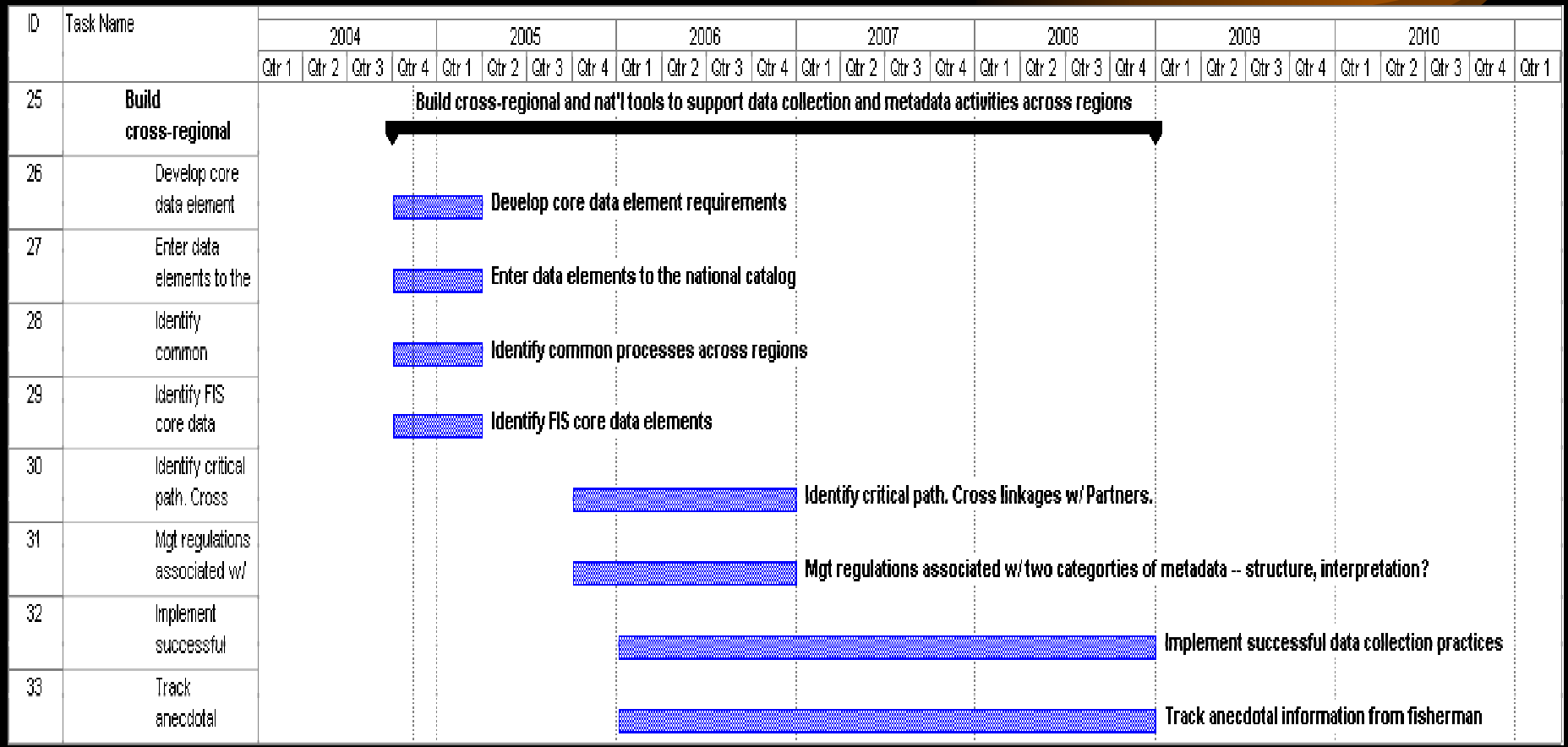
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Build cross-regional and nat'l tools to support data collection and metadata activities across regions
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Develop core data element
Develop core data element requirements
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Enter data elements to the
Enter data elements to the national catalog
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Identify common
Identify common processes across regions
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Identify FIS core data
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Identify critical path. Cross
Identify critical path. Cross linkages w/ Partners.
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Mgt regulations associated w/
Mgt regulations associated w/ two categories of metadata -- structure, interpretation?
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Implement successful
Implement successful data collection practices
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Track anecdotal
Track anecdotal information from fisherman

Develop

- **Near Term**
  - Form steering committee – define role
  - Identify customers and need
  - Define future needs and end products
  - Create regional FIS groups
  - Establish procedures for how partners work together
  - Demo projects – showcase these
  - Communications plan
- **Intermediate Term**
  - Regional FIS groups take lead on outreach and communication.
- **Long Term**
  - National FIS end result should be based on regional vision (Pull Up).
  - National FIS should also contain core requirements via PSG input (Push Down).
  - Develop a one stop shopping method for all data requests.

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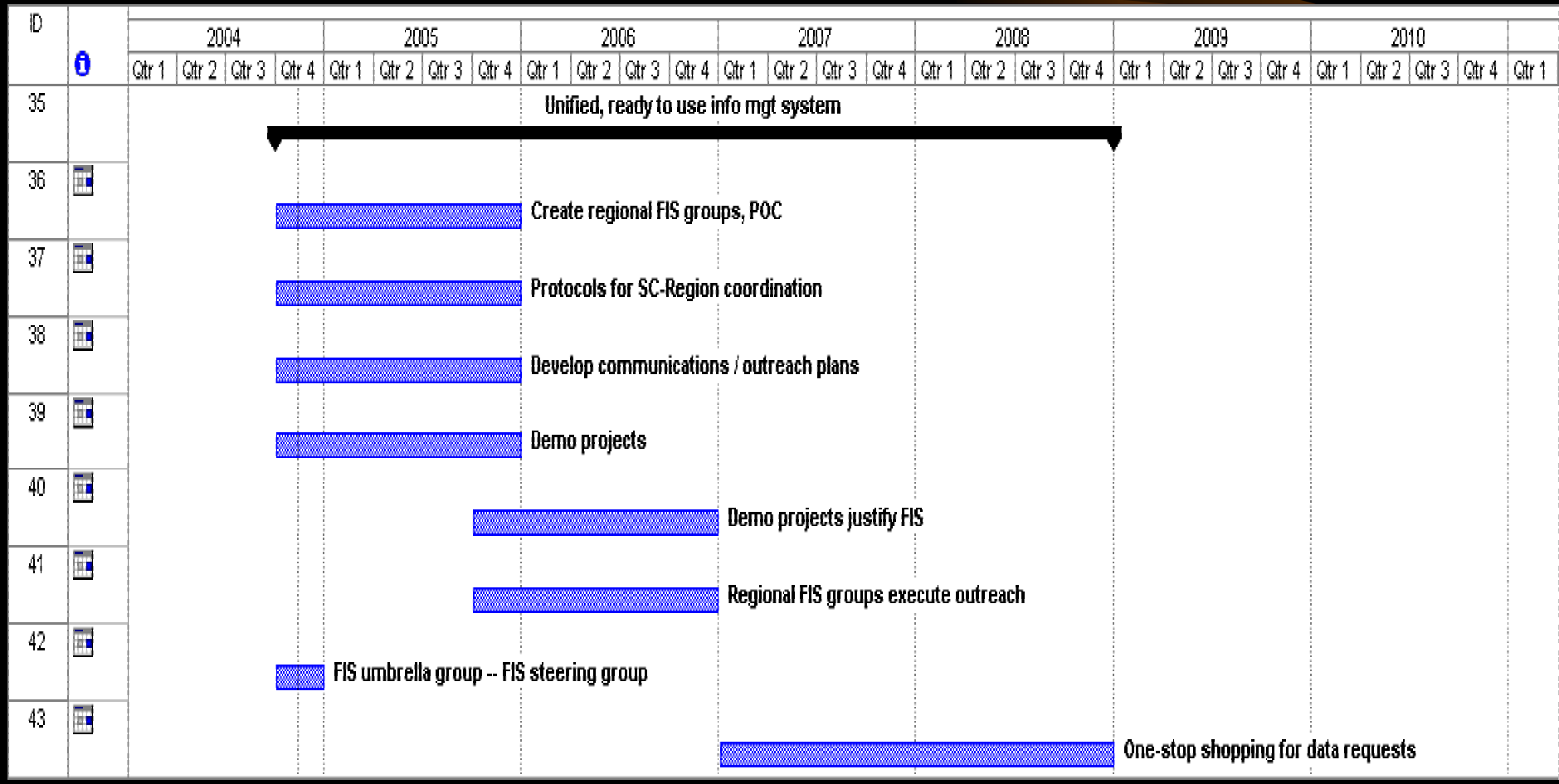
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Unified, ready to use info mgt system
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Create regional FIS groups, POC
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Protocols for SC-Region coordination
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Develop communications / outreach plans
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Demo projects
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Demo projects justify FIS
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Regional FIS groups execute outreach
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FIS umbrella group -- FIS steering group
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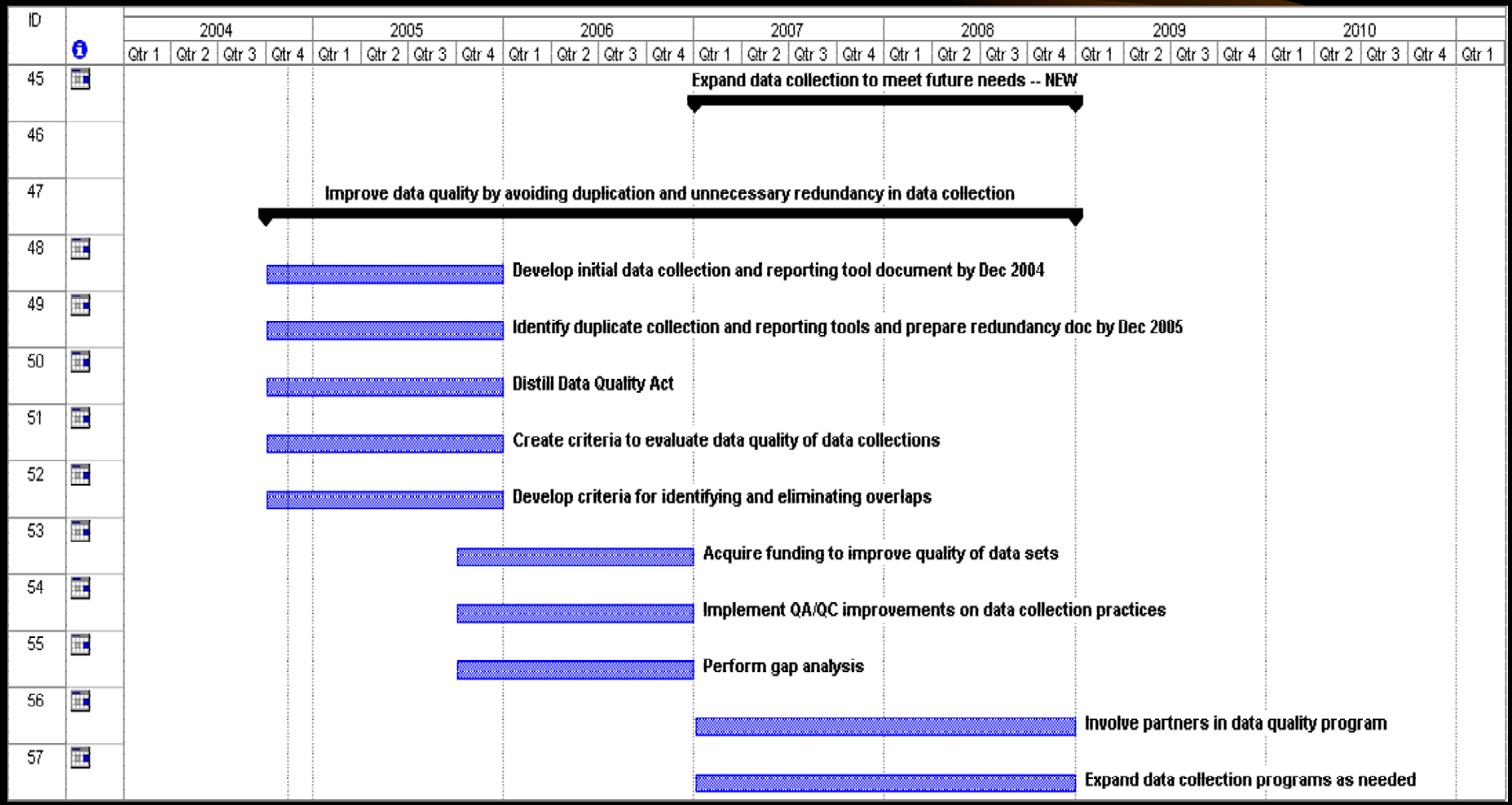
One-stop shopping for data requests

Improve

- **Near Term**
  - Distill the Data Quality Act and distribute to FIS partners.
  - Create a set of criteria to evaluate data quality in data collections.
  - Develop criteria for eliminating overlaps in current data collections.
- **Intermediate Term**
  - Funding to improve the quality of data sets.
  - Implement QA/QC improvements in data collection practices.
  - Perform data collection gap analysis on near term activities
- **Long Term**
  - Involvement of partners in developing data quality program.
  - Expand data collection programs as needed in the future.

Expand & Improve



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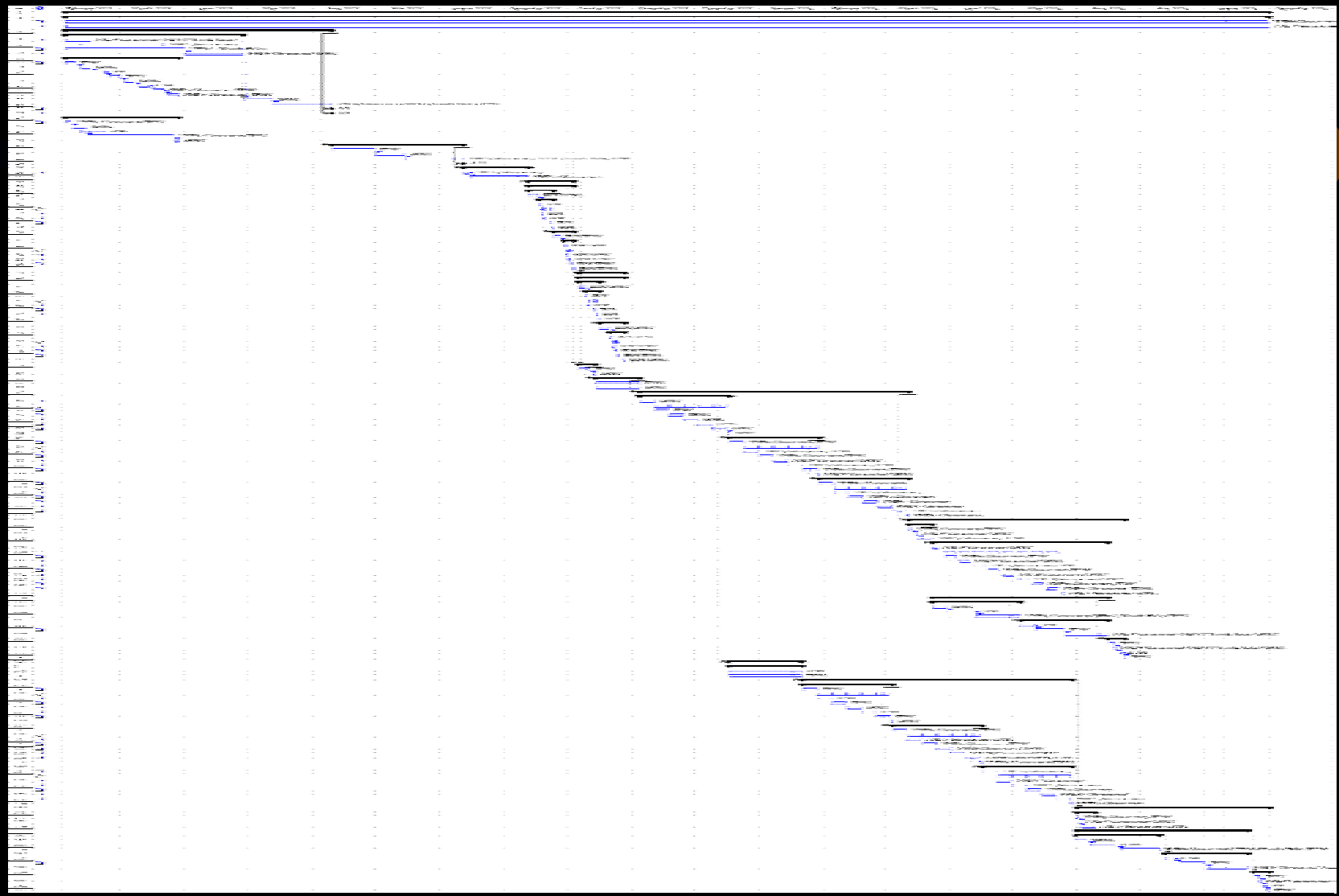


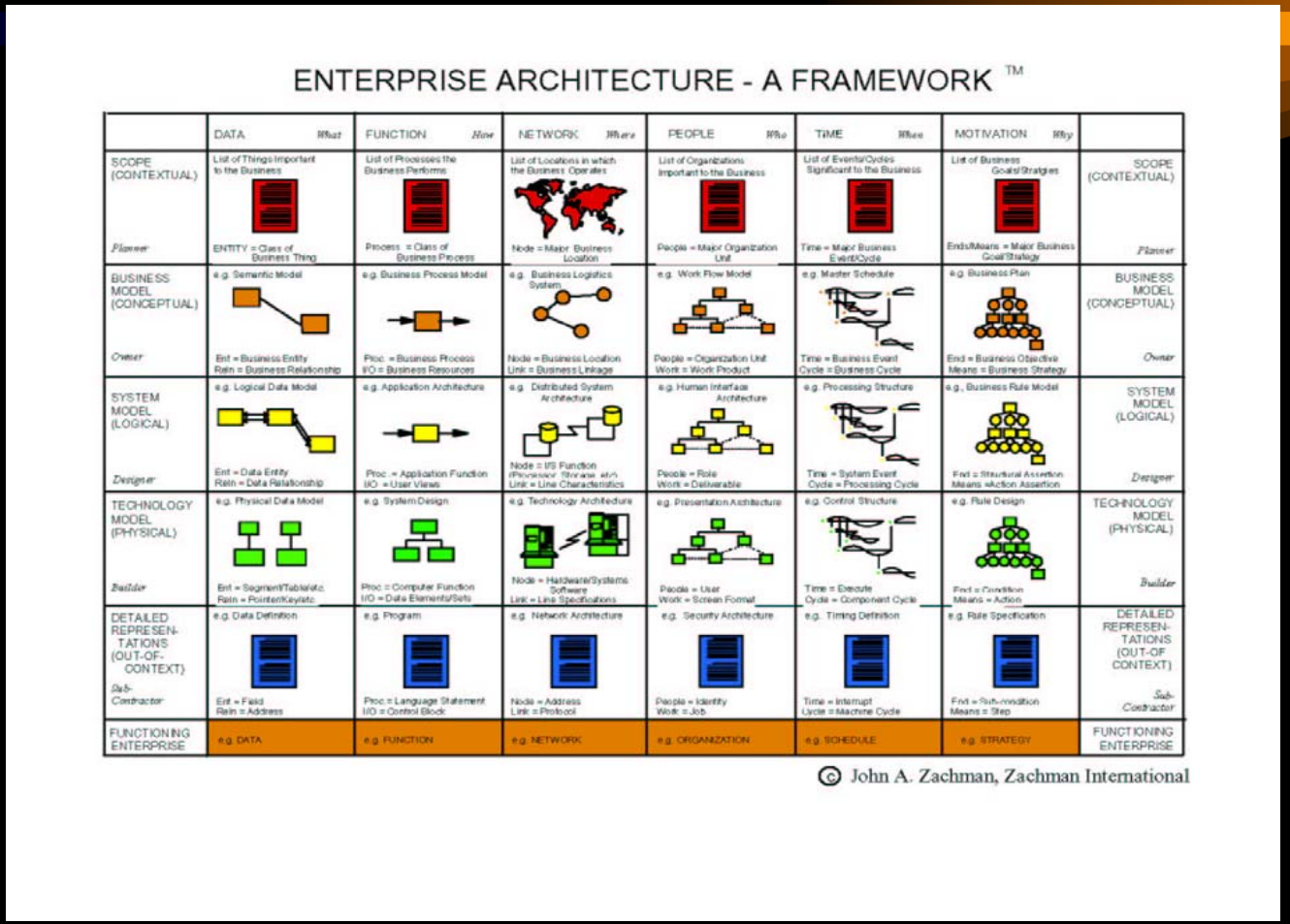
FIS

- **Concept Getting to FIS**
  - **Roadmap – Define the Enterprise**
    - **Parallel paths on the FIS super Highway with ramps into the National FIS**
  - **What is needed at the National Level**
  - **What are the regions' roles & needs from FIS**

Recommendations

- Hire a full-time FIS program manager
- POC in regions
- Establish a steering committee for FIS
  - What's the membership?
  - Who does the committee report to?
  - What does it do?
- Establish governance – Charter
- Consider a PSG to address Enterprise Architecture for FIS

Framework for FIS

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